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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM: PROPOSED MESSAGE TO FAHMY
(S/S NO.7601240)

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO FAHMY IN RESPONSE
TO HIS QUERIES TO EILTS ABOUT SYRIA AND MURPHY'S MEETINGS
WITH ASAD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: TO CAIRO -- IMMEDIATE; SECRET/NODIS;
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO FAHMY ABOUT SYRIA

REF: CAIRO 682

(1) YOU SHOULD MEET WITH FAHMY AND PASS HIM FOLLOWING
ORAL COMMENTS FROM ME IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERIES TO YOU
CONCERNING SYRIA.

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(2) FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AT WHICH

YOU WERE PRESENT, AMBASSADOR MURPHY RETURNED TO SYRIA AND MET WITH PRESIDENT ASAD ON JANUARY 10. MURPHY HAS HAD NO OTHER MEETINGS WITH ASAD SINCE HIS RETURN. MURPHY MADE

MUCH THE SAME POINTS TO ASAD AS YOU DID TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND FAHMY, BUT IN MORE GENERAL TERMS. ASAD EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH OUR POSITION ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE AND SAID THAT SYRIA WAS TRYING TO TAKE A MODERATE APPROACH TO THE DEBATE AND ON A SC RESOLUTION. MURPHY EXPLAINED WHY WE COULD NOT ACCEPT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ALTER THE BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ASAD INSISTED THAT A SIMPLE REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTIONS 242 (WHICH HE SAID SYRIA DID NOT RECOGNIZE) AND 338 WOULD NOT BE SATISFACTORY. MURPHY EMPHASIZED OUR INTENTION TO KEEP THE PEACE PROCESS MOVING AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO INVOLVE THE PALESTINIANS AT SOME POINT. THE DISCUSSION WAS INCLUSIVE AND DID NOT RESULT IN ANY AGREEMENT OR DECISION OTHER THAN TO CONSULT FURTHER AS DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK PROGRESS.

(3) WITH REGARD TO FAHMY'S OTHER QUESTIONS, YOU MAY SAY THAT LEBANON DID NOT COME UP IN THE DISCUSSION AND YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT THE IDEA OF A UNILATERAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN FRONT DOES NOT PRESENTLY SEEM TO BE A POSSIBILITY. IT IS NOT TRUE THAT MURPHY TOLD ASAD THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE READY TO MAKE SUCH A STEP; THE POSSIBILITY DID NOT COME UP IN THE MEETING.

(4) WE APPRECIATE FAHMY'S SUGGESTION ON AID TO SYRIA AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS IN FACT ASKED CONGRESS FOR DOLS. 90 MILLION FOR SYRIA. THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS IS STILL UNDERWAY AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT CONGRESS WILL AGREE TO.

(5) PLEASE GIVE FAHMY MY BEST REGARDS AND MY HOPE THAT AFAF IS FEELING BETTER. TELL FAHMY I WILL ASK YOU TO GIVE HIM A REPORT ON MY MOSCOW TRIP WHEN I GET BACK. END TEXT.

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3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE ABOVE MESSAGE TO FAHMY.

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